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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Michael Tovey

Application No. 08/853,292

Filed: May 9, 1997

For: Stimulation of Host Defense Mechanisms Against Viral Challenges

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: Group Art Unit: 1646

: Examiner: Fitzgerald, D.L.

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Amendment

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 28, 1998, for which a one-month extension of time is petitioned (the required fee is authorized in the accompanying transmittal letter), applicant hereby traverses the grounds of rejection and requests reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method for stimulating host defense mechanisms in a mammal, which method comprises administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of an interferon via ~~oromucosal contact, said amount being from about 1500 IU to about  $20 \times 10^6$  IU for a 70 kg human~~

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